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### J U S T I F I C A T I O N

In the foothills of the Sierra Mountains in the State of California there is a settlement of Indians known as the Tejon Indian Settlement. The nearest public school is 9 miles distant. There are some 25 children of school age without educational privileges and the transportation of these Indians to an established school is impracticable. The Indians are wards of the Government and very poor. To meet this situation a school district has been established, which under the provisions of the California laws will draw enough state and county money practically to support the school. However, the Indians have no property which could be taxed to provide a schoolhouse, and arrangement is being made whereby the school district will agree to removal of any improvements which the United States may place on a tract of land leased for school purposes and it is planned to place a portable schoolhouse on the tract leased for the purpose which will provide school facilities for this group of Indians. It is necessary that the utmost expedition be used in this matter as the state funds for use of the school will not be available unless the school is conducted for six months and this will not be practicable unless it is established immediately.

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The Superintendent advises that advertising for portable schoolhouses has been made and the bid which it is proposed to accept is the lowest, most practicable and desirable.

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